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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COURAGE NOMINATION

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11. (U) Post nominates Senator Ana Maria Mendoza de Acha, the 2nd Vice President of the Paraguayan Senate. Acha has championed women's issues, human rights, trafficking in persons, education and prison reform since she entered the Congress in 2003. Acha is a member of the center-right Patria Querida (The Beloved Fatherland Party). Although her party representatives opposed the extension of A and T immunities to USG personnel included in joint U.S. - Paraguayan military exercises, Acha remains an excellent contact of the Embassy and her party shares our commitment to stronger democratic institutions and combatting corruption. Post requests your serious consideration of this nomination awarding her this honor would advance U.S. interests.

12. (U) Mr. Sterling Tilley is the POC for women's issues. His contact information is as follows: [tilleysd@state.gov](mailto:tilleysd@state.gov) or 595-21-213-715 ext. 2152.  
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